



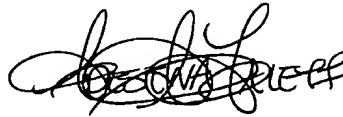
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: MINNIG, et al.
Serial No.: 09/655,256
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Group Art Unit: 2134
Examiner: Michael J. Simitoski
Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SECURE DUAL
CHANNEL COMMUNICATION THROUGH A
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 5, 2005 (the "Final Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following Amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.